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In re Application of

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GUIDING MECHANISM

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Japanese Patent Application Publication 2001-258436 discloses a fishing line guiding mechanism having a collar member 47 disposed between the bail 41 and the fixed shaft cover 46.

Japanese Patent Application Publication 2001-238579 discloses a fishing line guiding mechanism in which the bail 41 is inserted into the fixed shaft cover 46 while being bent such that the end 41a of the bail 41 is threadly coupled to the fixed shaft 43.

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